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News of the County as Told by Our Special Correspondents

Salem.

Joe Windle and wife spent Sunday in Falls City.

Fred Windle came down from Wymore Saturday.

Miss Grace Harlin was on the sick list this week.

Mr. Sharis came down from Humboldt Sunday.

Geo. Wertz visited in Salem Friday and Saturday.

J. H. Timmerman and wife drove to Morrill, Kas., Wednesday.

Oll Windle came home from St. Joe last Friday and visited a few days.

Mrs. Dude Corn and Grace Bennett of Verdon were in Salem Wednesday.

A. J. Wheeler went to Lincoln Monday returning home Wednesday morning.

W. W. Wertz and wife went to St. Joe Wednesday to visit Geo. Wertz and family.

Scott Carlisle and Miss Lilly Saville were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Fred Smith entertained the Ninth Hour club last Thursday evening. Music and games were indulged in until a late hour. The hostess served lovely refreshments and the members spent a very enjoyable evening.

New Bus Line.

A new bus line has been established in this city, the proprietors being Wallace & Hauck. Mr. Wallace come from Maryville, Mo., and Mr. Hauck from St. Joseph. The new firm has installed a fine outfit and began operations Wednesday.

Kingley-Russell Co.

The Kingsley Russell Co. will present a double bill at the Jenne tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Emmert will appear in the one act farce "A Paper Chase." The three act farce "By Wits Outwitted" will also be presented. Saturday afternoon there will be a matinee and in the evening the bill will be "A Prince of Liars."

Mrs. A. J. Crook.

Mrs. A. J. Crook died at her home near Salem Wednesday. Mrs. Crook was about thirty years old and leaves a husband and two children a son and a daughter to share in the sympathy which is freely extended by many friends.

THE AIGRETTE.

Most Costly of All Feathers and Difficult to Get.

A bird on a hat may or may not proclaim its value, but an aigrette, that most fashionable of all feather ornaments this season, tells in no uncertain language to those who understand that it is much more than worth its weight in gold, says the Washington Star.

Feathers flutter from here, there and everywhere upon the hats and heads of fair women, but the aigrette has both a history and a romance attached to it. For no other decorative feathers do men so imperil their lives, and a steamship company runs a special line of vessels, yet the aigrette is merely a small ornament for woman's hair or decoration for her hat. It is to feathers what the orchid is to flowers, something very rare, beautiful and procurable only with more or less risk to the hunter.

Some of the most fashionable aigrettes come from Venezuela, some from the port of Bahia, in Brazil, some from the island of Trinidad and others from a thousand miles up the Amazon river. These are the beautiful feathers of the heron, and scarcely a woman who wears one knows that a line of ocean steamships makes triangular trips—principally in search of these feathers—going from Liverpool to a thousand miles up the Amazon, and thence to New York.

In Brazil the market value of aigrettes, in the crude state, is about \$6 an ounce for the long and \$21 for the short variety, with even higher values for those coming from Venezuela and Trinidad. In New York the wholesale price for crude feathers is from \$23 to \$30 per ounce for the short or "cross" feathers, and from \$7.50 to \$10 per ounce for the long variety. The price is steadily rising.

These feathers are never purchased in large or wholesale lots. They represent usually both difficulty and danger in the gathering. Hunters and fishermen along the watercourses of the Amazon and other South American rivers penetrate into thick jungles and lie in wait along the river banks and in swamps awaiting the arrival of the blue heron to feed. The heron does not feed in droves, but is a solitary individual and very wary, so that aigrettes are only yielded up after a long chase and much perseverance.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Means One Thing in England and Another in Germany.

In England the term "technical" has come to mean almost any

kind of study which is neither elementary nor classical; it includes cookery, needlework, foreign languages, bookkeeping, photography, biological science, art and a host of miscellaneous subjects. On the whole, however, says the London Times, the idea of a craft predominates; and most of the English technical schools have for their principal object the teaching of actual industries. They supplement and fill out the manual practice of the workshop or the mill with wider knowledge, but the aim remains directly practical. In Germany, on the other hand, the term has come to be associated more and more with pure knowledge, and is now completely reserved for those advanced academies which teach the science underlying industries, but not the industries themselves. I do not mean to imply that a hard and fast line is or can be drawn between the domains of knowledge and practice in this connection; but the predominance of one or the other produces a real distinction which gives a distinctive meaning to the names used. Now, the different usage in regard to names in the two countries has led to confusion of ideas. Institutions differing in character and purpose are mixed up together through the ambiguity surrounding the word "technical."

Cured by Will Power.

Mrs. George Todd, of Stanhope, N. Y., has been an invalid, unable to walk, for more than three years. The other day she was reading an article stating that by concentrating one's will upon one object that object would be accomplished. She desired very much to walk just then, because it was dinner-time, and all at once she found that she was able to walk. After dinner she walked back.

Four Kings of Canada.

The name Four Kings of Canada was given to four Indian chiefs of the Six Nations, who visited London in 1710, in the reign of Queen Anne. Their mission was to ask the assistance of Great Britain in driving the French out of their territory. They were presented to her majesty by Col. Nicholson, ex-governor of Maryland, and were received with all the ceremonial deference shown to reigning monarchs. Notices of their visit are to be found both in the Tattler and in the Spectator of April, 1711, and their pictures are still in the British museum. A full account of them and their tribes, customs, etc., was given in a pamphlet printed and sold by John Baker at the Black Boy, in Paternoster row, 1710.

The Difference.

When a man's objection suits you, you call him conservative, otherwise he is a kicker.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

Gossip.

Gossip is the ammunition used in the gun of idle curiosity.